Superannuated officers in service.

427. **Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of those in the Government who have attained their age-limit for retirement but whose term of office has been extended showing in each case (a) the period of extension and (b) the reason for extension?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A list is appended. (*Appendix II*)

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know what is the age-limit for retirement?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—55.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether the acting Diwan has attained that age-limit now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—His appointment is under special covenant.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know why his name is not included in the list?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because his appointment is under a special agreement.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Why is his name omitted in the list?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It won't come under those whose term has been extended.

Location of the Ayurvedic Hospital.

428. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) where the Ayurvedic Hospital at Trichur is located;

(b) the area of the site where the Hospital is located?

(c) whether the Hospital is not located in very congested quarters and by the side of a road over which numerous buses, cars and other vehicles pass daily;

(d) whether they have any objection to shift it to a better site, preferably and temporarily to the one on the eastern side of the Museum?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) The Rama Varma Central Ayurvedic Hospital is located in a building in Patinjara Nadakkavu, a few yards west of the Railway over-bridge.

(b) 0·59 5/8 acres.

(c) No, there is not much congestion, even though it is situated by the side of a road.

(d) The question does not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (c).

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether it is a hospital or a dispensary?

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Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—In-patients are not treated there.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph:—Have the Government any idea to take in in-patients?

Mr. U Kandar Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether this 59 cents will be sufficient?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is only a temporary arrangement.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—Have the Government any idea to shift this to Ramavarmapuram?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I do not think at present there is any such idea.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Has the Government any idea to shift the law courts to Ramavarmapuram?

President.—That is not relevant here. There is very little in common between the Ayurvedic Hospital and the law courts.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether several buses, cars, etc., pass by the side of the road?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Some buses pass.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph—Are the medicines necessary for the hospital prepared there?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Not at present. The idea is to prepare them there. There is another compound also to the south of this. It is also included in this. There will be no trouble.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is the Government helpless to get a more extensive place?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Among all the places available this was considered to be the best.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was this site taken into consideration at the time the hospital was opened there, the site to the eastern side of the Museum?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—There are not suitable buildings there. Here we have two good buildings. There is a tank, a well, etc.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I take it that the Government compared the merits and demerits of the site near the Museum?

Mr. U Kandar Menon.—The merits and demerits of the several sites were considered.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was this site taken into consideration when the hospital was located there?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I do not think that was considered.

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Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the Government will now consider whether the hospital can be taken to that place?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I do not think that site will be available for the purpose.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know what has happened?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Nothing has happened. There is a proposal to use it for some other purpose.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is it for a Government purpose?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—A purpose that serves the people of the State?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is a Government purpose. It won't serve all purposes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What is the nature of the treatment available there?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Medicines are given.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—From where?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—From the hospital. They are purchasing medicines.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—From where?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—A tender has been invited and the Sitaram Pharmacy supplies the medicines.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is there any truth in the rumour that the vaidyan is using his own medicines for the purpose there?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Medicines are purchased from certain shops. I cannot say whether it is his own.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does not that Ayurvedic Vaidyan own a shop?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes, some medicine was purchased from there also.

Persons who visited the State Museum.

429. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to place a statement on the table showing the number of persons who have visited the Government Museum at Trichur in each year from 1100 onwards?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

1100	66,131	1104	2,40,800
1101	75,182	1105	2,88,000
1102	1,46,970	1106	2,97,400
1103	1,70,102	1107	2,98,200

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether this increase now reached to 2,98,200 is due to the free and easy access to the Museum and the Zoo?

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